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Letter dated 10 July 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw to your attention the statement on Cambodia issued on 10 July 1997 by the Chairman of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Standing Committee on behalf of ASEAN (see annex).

I should be grateful if you could have the text to the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly under item 82 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Statement issued at the conclusion of the special meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations at Kuala Lumpur on 10 July 1997

1. Recalling and reiterating the joint statement of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) issued by the Chairman of the ASEAN Standing Committee on 8 July 1997, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers met at Kuala Lumpur on 10 July 1997 to review the situation in Cambodia in all its aspects.

2. While reaffirming the commitment to the principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of other States, they decided that, in the light of unfortunate circumstances which had resulted from the use of force the wisest course of action was to delay the admission of Cambodia into ASEAN until a later date.

3. The Foreign Ministers also recalled the decision taken by the ASEAN Heads of State and Government at the fifth summit meeting at Bangkok in December 1995, on the inclusion of Cambodia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Myanmar as full members of ASEAN. Pursuant to the decision taken by the ASEAN Foreign Ministers at their special meeting at Kuala Lumpur on 31 May 1997, they agreed that the admission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Myanmar would proceed as scheduled.

4. The ASEAN countries stand ready to contribute their efforts to the peaceful resolution of the situation in Cambodia.